

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2004
6:00 P.M.**

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bridges called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., with Chris Fields, Darrin McGowan, John Byrne, Brian Sheehan, and Mike Pavey answering roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, Starr Shuppert, *Rushville Republican*, and Scott Murray, WKWH.

MINUTES * * *

Minutes of the October 5, 2004 meeting were presented for approval. Sheehan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT * * *

- The Department of Commerce will sponsor a seminar on tax abatement on November 17 from 10:00 – 12:00 at the Sherman House in Batesville.
- Received a call from Kent Irwin stating that he would like to give Council a presentation regarding a wage study and what his company could offer. He said there would be no charge. Council agreed to listen to the presentation.
- Reminded Council that the next meeting will be November 1st.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT * * *

Copley asked Council to consider Transfer Resolution 2004-24. Sheehan made a motion to approve the Transfer Resolution. Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT * * *

Pavey said a presentation was given to the Parks Board regarding the amphitheater. He has also spoken with Wilbur Hoeing. Hoeing will discuss the matter with the Army Corp of Engineers.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * *

Police – The Police Department is trying out the new radio equipment and it seems to be working very well.

Fudge also told Council that the 20th of October would be the last day for Tracy Dice before she joins the Army.

The last 2 days they have had several training classes at RPD.

Street – Bennett said the monitoring phone lines have been re-connected for Flatrock River. He will notify the Army Corp of Engineers.

Park – Mathews reminded everyone of the Halloween Parade and asked for volunteers for judges.

CITIZEN CONCERNS * * *

Councilman McGowan asked what the Mayor had found out on the situation with Denny Corn. Bridges said it was set for hearing.

Scott Murray asked for donations for “Coats for Kids”. He said the distribution would be November 6.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Vacate Alley Rankin – Mayor Bridges opened the public hearing at 6:15 on the request to vacate the alley by Kim Rankin. Jesse Kaster asked the location of the alley.

Proof of publication was received by the Clerk-Treasurer and all green cards were returned on the certified mailings.

There being no other comments from the public, Sheehan made a motion to close the public hearing. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Water/Wastewater Annexation Bonds – John Skomp and Jim Gutting gave a short presentation regarding the annexation bonds. The water project is 1.65 million, and the wastewater project is 3.2 million.

Sheehan made a motion to approve Ordinance 2004-20 for the water annexation bonds on first reading. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sheehan made a motion to approve Ordinance 2004-21 for the wastewater annexation bonds on first reading. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Vacate Street Beard – Mayor Bridges opened the public hearing at 6:30. Mike Beard said his reason for wishing to have the street vacated was that it is not a paved street and he wanted to eliminate any additional traffic that may cause a hazard.

Several residents were present. Many residents voiced their concern that if the street was not vacated and was made into a 4-way stop instead of a 3-way stop that it would only increase the traffic flow and the speed of traffic. The residents were concerned now with the traffic because they indicated that motorists really fly down the streets. It was stated that there are lots of teenagers traveling the area and there was a racetrack affect. They said the street is not as wide in Sugar Hill II.

It was noted that Proof of Publication was received and all green cards for the certified mailings were returned.

Councilman Byrne asked if the street were vacated would the property be divided between the two property owners. Bridges said it would.

There being no other comments, Byrne made a motion to close the public hearing. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2004-22 - Rankin – Byrne made a motion to approve the Ordinance Vacating the Alley. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2004-23 – Beard – Pavey made a motion to approve the Ordinance Vacating the Street. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * *

Resolution 2004-19 – Annexation of School Property – Byrne made a motion to approve Resolution 2004-19. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2004-16 – Annexation of School Property – Byrne made a motion to approve Ordinance 2004-16. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agreement with M.D. Wessler – Newhouse said he had received a revised agreement with M.D. Wessler regarding the annexation project. The revisions were requested by Rural Development. Sheehan made a motion to approve the revisions received by the City Attorney. Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS * * *

Street Sweeper – Bennett asked permission to advertise for bids for a new street sweeper. The retail price of the sweeper he is interested in is Common \$115,000.00. He said he has contacted Tim Holmes with Public Finance. Holmes indicated they could give the City a rate of 4.25% with one annual payment for 5 years. The payment would be due July beginning in 2005 for approximately \$25,500.00. Delivery would be in the Spring. Sheehan made a motion to allow Bennett to proceed with the bid process. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claims – McGowan made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before Council, Pavey made a motion to adjourn. McGowan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR

CHRISTOPHER S. FIELDS, MEMBER

DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

JOHN M. BYRNE, MEMBER

BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER